Arrested and Put Under Bonds to Keep the Peace, the Irish Pugilists Take No Chances, Though They Get Their

PRILADELPHIA, Jan. 17 .- Peter Maher and Thomas Sharkey indulged in a fake glove contest here to-night at the Industrial A. C., which was stopped in the third round by Referee W. H. Rocap, who decided that the men were not fighting on the level, but were simply going through the motions in order to hoodwink the big crowd that had paid to see them in what was expected to e an exciting mix-up.

Not a single hard blow was landed by either man, both slapping each other with open hands while the spectators howled in derision. The men had been arrested early in the evening on a warrant charging them with a contemplated breach of the peace, and were put under \$5,000 bonds as guarantee that they would not break the law in any manner.

Neither Sharkey nor Maher made any attempt to conceal the fact that they were not boxing for keeps. As soon as they put up their hands it was immediately apparent to the spectators that they were up against a fake. From that on until Referee Rocap stopped the farce there was a continuous chorus of cat calls and cries of "Fake" "Take them off" and so on. In the hubbub which followed Sharkey endeavored to address the spectators, but he could not be heard ten feet from the ring side. The men undoubtedly dreaded the outcome of legal proceedings which had been brought against them and were really afraid to take any chances.

That there was a distinct understanding between them before the bout began there can be no doubt, for they insisted upon getting their share of the gate money-70 per cent. of the gross-before they went into the ring. But for this it is not unlikely the money would have been withheld from them for the reason that there was a clause in the contract which provided that in the event of a fake their money was to be held back. After the bout some of the enraged spectators reaped what little satisfaction they could out of the chairs and benches. The police cleared the build-

Sporting men came floating into town early. They hailed from New York, Baltiearly. They hailed from New York, Baltimore, Boston, Washington, Pittsburg, Buffalo and Chicago. Their arrival stirred up the interest to a marked degree so that there was some betting after all, with Sharkey a 5 to 4 favorite. Though Maher had trained quite faithfully at the Central Athletic Club for three weeks and looked to be in proper shape for the mill, he had comparatively few supporters. It was conceded that he still had his famous knock-out punch with him, but it was not believed that Peter could stand up before the rugged assaults of Sharkey, for the reason that Maher's heart had been found wanting on several previous occasions. wanting on several previous occasions. Sharkey, on the other hand, was considered the probable winner because of his splendid physique, together with his ex-perience in fights with all of the best heavyby Ruhlin and Fitzsimmons, his beaten by Ruhlin and Fitzsimmons, his friends did not think that the Sailor would in any way show the effects of these setbacks. Sharkey had shown an ability to punch hard in all of his previous fights.

In fact he had been pronounced a slugger by some critics, so that the impression prevailed that if he and Maher mixed it up

on the level there would be a punching match of such an exciting nature that the match of such an exciting nature that the people would more than get the worth of their money. But then again there was a rumor that the Irishmen might "go easy," especially as there was to be no decision, and in that way pocket a good lump of gate money without overexertion. Those who were ready to see an affair of this kind pointed to the fact that Maher and Sharkey have been intimate friends for years and that by a mutual agreement each, for a long that by a mutual agreement each, for a long time, refrained from challenging the other. When Sharkey secured a match with James J. Jeffries recently, there was no idea that the Sailor would meet Maher in the mean-time. In fact, nobody believed that Maher would ever enter the ring again. But with hurried preparations the match between Tom and Peter was elinched as soon as it was a cinch for the boxing game to thrive in this city without police interference. In other words it looked very much as if Maher and Sharkey saw a chance to come together for six rounds with plenty of money in sight for them.

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So well was this fight boomed that there were indications of a large crowd at noon. The building where the fight took place is capable of seating about 3,500 persons, and the management predicted a crowded house when the sun began to set. The fighters rested easily all day Maher took a short walk with his veteran trainer, Peter Lowry, and told all of his friends that he was confident of winning.

"I believe I have a chance not only to beat Sharkey," said Peter, 'but also to whip Jeffries for the championship of the world. When I met Sharkey before in New York I had him on the run when the police interfered. In that battle sharkey is blows never hart me, though I'll admit that he scored a knockdown. But that was partially due to a slip. I've trained hard, and if I win, I'll go after Jeffries for the latter's proposed fight with sharkey will go up in smoke. There should be no 6 to I against me.

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held an informal reception at Green's Hotel all day He said that he was never more certain of victory in his life. The sailor but he had been sailor between the sailor between life. The sailor looked big and powerful and Dave isollivan, who has helped to train him, stated that Tom was faster and more

clever than at any previous time in his-ring career.

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Marcus Mayer, Jack Rose, Charles Thorley, Billy Roche, Sam Austin, Charley White, Jim Kennedy, Al Smith, Tom O'Rourke, George Considine, Jack Adler, Joe Dunn, Johny White, James Wakely and others. Champion Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons, who have been talking of another meeting for the past six weeks, were both at the ringside, this being the first time that they had met face to face since the champion made his first bluff at the Cornishman just after beating Ruhlin in San Francisco.

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The crowd cheered both fighters and Money First-Big Crowd Disappointed. called upon them for speeches, but all this time there was so much bustle and excitetime there was so much bustle and excitement that speechmaking was out of the question. The management lost no time in putting the preliminary bouts in the ring. At 9 o'clock the first affair was ready. It was between Walter Edgerton, the "Kentucky Rosebud," who once knocked out George Dixon, and Kid Fitzgerald of Baltimore. They went the limit of six rounds in rattling style. In the second round Edgerton was knocked through the ropes, but came back unhurt. Jack Haggerty of Trenton and Young Fisher of Brooklyn provided the second bout, the former having a shade the better of it at the end of the sixth round.

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Lew Ryall and Young Kelly, local feathers, put up a fast go in the third bout, neither inflicting damage. Kid Stein apparently bested Billy Fairburn in the last preliminary go, after which the crowd clamored for the big fellows.

Pending the arrival of the principals some enthusiastic spectator, sighting Jeffries, made a brief speech, in which he extolled the Champion and called upon him to address the house. With characteristic modesty Jeffries declined the invitation. Then another spectator, spying Fitzimmons, proposed three cheers for the former champion and requested him to say something to the crowd but Fitz also refused.

Billy Diston relieved the tedium of the wait by playing "Because," and "The Wearing of the Green" upon the cornet. The latter melody appealed alike to the rooters of both Sharkev and Maher. The appearance of the principals was delayed for an hour, owing to their refusal to go on until the house had been counted up and their share, 70 per cent. of the gate receipts, had been turned over to their financial managers. Sharkey was the first to show up and entered the ring at 11:32. He was followed a minute later by Maher. Sharkey was attended by Bob Armstrong, Jim Buckley, Dave Sullivan and Alvie King. Peter Maher was looked after by Peter Lowrey, Tim Callahan and Mike Campbell. William M. Rocap, who had been mutually agreed upon by the fighters, was the referee. The conditions were six rounds, Marquis of Queensherry rules, with no decision.

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and the spectators, immediately sending up a howl of "fake," started to leave the hall. It was not even a good fake. Sharkey slapped Peter and Peter slapped Sharkey, and then by way of variety they hugged each other. When the gong sounded neither man was visibly winded, and the crowd was in an uproar, crying: "Stop the fake!" "It's a swindle!" and other indignant comments.

Second Round-Sharkey made a light left hand lead into Maher's wind, and Maher retalisted by slapping Tom on the back of the neck. The crowd kept up a terrible din. The boxers simply danced around the ring slapping each other with open hands, but at the same time keeping straight faces, a surprising performance under the circumstances. Toward the end of the round Sharkey made several wild swings that were full of sting, but he very thoughtfully took good care that the punches did not come anywhere near landing on Maher's body.

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Third Round-When they came up the Third Round—when they came up the men were chatting pleasantly. They showed no signs of indulging in real hos-tilities, but kept on slapping each other until Referee Rocap stepped between them and put an end to the affair, saying that he did not care to officiate longer, as the men were not boxing on the level.

NEW MATINEE CLUB. Will Be Independent of the Road Drivers' Association.

A meeting was held last night at The Rossmore for the purpose of organizing a repre-sentative Matinée Racing Association either sanctioned by the Road Drivers' Association or independent of that body, the main object being to use the Road Drivers' Association's name if practical, that prestige being considered invaluable. There were

Al Reeves, Edgat Bronk Frederick Gerken, D. R. D. Gill, Biram Hollis, Alexander Newburger George A. Coleman, Sidney S. Toman, A. J. Keat ing, Will Logan, Jr. Dr. Bristel, M. L. Simon, J. F. Cartier, Dr. Douglass Hamilton, F. G. Schmidt, E. G. Phillips, W. G. Leland, W. S. Mapes, F. Cope-

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NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN. Old-Time Riders and Tradesmen Organize for the Good of the Sport.

meeting of much interest and importance to the cycling fraternity was held on Thursday night at the Grand Union Hotel. The call for the meeting was sent out by Ritchie Betts, one of the organizers of the Manhattan Bicycle Club and now the editor of the Bicycling World. The news of the meeting was not noised abroad and those invited to attend were all of the class that might be called veterans. Some of the real old-timers who are now in the trade were among those invited and the result was remarkable Among those present were "Pop" W. M. Brewster, who was Treasurer of the L. A. W. in the early 89s and is now with the A. B. C. Alexander Schwalbach, who was the first man arrested in Brooklyn for riding a bicycle, along back in 1879, Elliott Mason, a charter member of the L. A. W., Will R. Pitman. another charter member of the League. Theodore F. Merseles, Associate Presider of the American Bicycle Company, Walker, also of the A. B. C., E. J. Willis, E. J. Ferguson, who imported the first diamone frame into America, George W. Shannon and others almost as widely known were among those who attended. It was a genuine surprise to see such men on hand to declare themselves riders and willing to give a hand

at organizing a new club. ,
The following excerpts from the call issued for the meeting will give an idea of the sentiment that prompted a large and represen-

After discussing the subject with several gentle-men, who appreciate conditions past and present, the undersigned is of the opinion that 'for the good that it can do," a cycling club comprising such men as yourself will fill an existing void and serve not a few well defined and desirable purposes.

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In the course of the meeting it was developed that among the "well defined and desirable purposes" referred to in the call were the projects for some new style of contests, one between coaster brake machines and another between motor bicycles. The greatest project, however, was that of a cycle show for dealers, what is commonly known as a "local show," to replace the National show that was passed over this year. This local show seems from the talk heard at the meeting to be an assured fact. It will be comprised chiefly of motor cycles, and although it will not make as much splurge as the big shows, it seems likely to be quite as interesting, judging from the crude outlines furnished by the discussion of Thursday night.

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It was voted to form a permanent organization and the following were named as a
committee to select a name for the club and
draft a constitution and by-laws; Alexander
Schwalbach, chairman, E. A. Davis, E. L.
Ferguson, E. J. Willis, L. C. Boardman, The
next meeting will be held on Jan. 30. The
club will have no restrictions on membership,
except that active cyclists are desired. There
was an informal 'experience meeting," at
which it was developed that Elliott Mason
has been out awheel every Sunday, winter
and summer, for twenty-three years, except when it rained or snowed very hard.
"Pop" Brewster, gray-haired and smiling,
said that his mileage last year was 2,500 and
some odd miles. "Happy Days" Pitman,
who is past 50 years of age, said his mileage
last year was nearly 5,000. Several confessed that they had not done 1,000 miles
during the year, but expressed penitence.
Altogether it was much like a revival meeting, from which there is much to be hoped for.
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the Century Road Club Association show that the Century Road Club Association show that the members of that organization have ridden more than half a million of miles in instalments of 100 miles or more. The record is 5.143 centuries, or 514.300 miles. This includes one ride of twenty-six consecutive centuries, one of ten, one of eight, one of seven, two of six, tive of four, forty-six of three and 229 double centuries.

In this list of premier century riders, the lender is Harry Early, whose record is 212 centuries. Next in order are Gus Egloff, 203; Isaac Gillette, 191; D. M. Adee, 116; C. H. Fessenden, 113; Paul Thomas, 108; C. P. Stanbach, 100; W. H. Anderson, 90; Henry Veit, 82; F. W. Hyde, 77; Miss J. C. Yatman, 75; F. A. Myrick, 59; W. H. Lange, 59; J. L. McCormick, 58; T. J. Moore, 57; Miss M. Gast, 55; John Simpson, 50; Four hundred other members have records of from forty-nine down to a solitary one.

During 1901, the members of the Association rode 1,129 centuries, but this total will very probably be increased materially when the final reports are made upon Feb. 1, up to which date century bar applications may be filed.

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In addition to issuing orders to members for 1,129 gold century bars, on original application during 1991, the C. R. C. Association took up 392 of the bar orders previously issued by the Century Road Club of America on its Chicago leweller, replacing them by bar orders on the official Association New York leweller. These 392 bar orders were turned over by the seceders of the Century Road Club of America to the association, and this great number illustrates how extensive was the revolution of June, 1901. This means a loss of \$1,060.50 to the C. R. C. for century bars alone.

provements to Franklin Field.

PHILADELPHIA, Jun. 17 - The University Pennsylvania Athletic Association will spend \$525,000 for the erection of a new gym-The athletic association has authorized The Gymnasium Committee has received 145.000 more is pledged by contributions new gymnasium will probably be broken

of the University Athletic Association held in Heasten wall re-night to take action on

WAR OVER BOSTON COMMON.

EXPERTS AT ODDS ABOUT THE

Specific Cases of Mismanagement Pointed Out by Samuel Parsons, Jr. - Hot Reply From Supt. Doogue-The Boston Common Society to Protect the Trees.

DANGER TO ITS TREES.

Boston, Jan. 12.-The warning given recently by Samuel Parsons, Jr., of New York that unless Boston takes heed in season she will eventually have a Common without any trees is of far more than local interest in view of the historical associations connected with Boston Common. That warning deserves especial weight in consequence of Mr. Parsons's long connection with the public parks of New York city. In Boston the subject is being discussed with deep interest. To the average Bostonian the Common,

with its quiet and beautifully shaded walks not a stone's throw from the city's busiest streets, has seemed something approaching perfection-to put it moderately. To a small minority, however, it has seemed that something was wrong about it.

It has been again and again declared by this minority that the Common was being mismanaged, that the trees were not being properly cared for, and that unless something was done about it the Common would soon suffer great injury. Finally Mr. Parsons, as an authority in such matters and an outsider, was invited o make a thorough examination.

His report Just published is not only thorough, but is also accompanied by a man showing the exact location of ninetyfive trees, which he declared to be inexcusably ill treated. The soundness of this criticism is, of course, attacked in some quarters, but the trees are there for any Bostonian to examine at his leisure.

Without going into the details of his report it may be said that all natural reasons for the degeneracy of the Common are discussed. The difficulty of growing trees in a great urban park is pointed out in detail The possibility of successfully overcoming hostile conditions is illustrated by the care

of the grave-yard of Trinity Church, New York. Here, Mr. Parsons points out, the conditions are much worse than those surrounding Boston Common, and the generally exhausted condition of the soil of the Common may in like manner, he says, be corrected with rich and proper ma-

"But as we consider the trees on the Common," continues the report, "we realize quickly that there is more the matter with them than can be proved to come from poverty of soil. There are no evidences of the necessary digging about them, especially about the young trees, nor do the older ones seem to have had their hide bound tough bark softened by judicious scraping and washing with whale oil soap, or similar cleaning and machine them.

similar cleansing applications.
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"Again, a tree will present the scarred stump of a limb which has evidently been cut off two or three feet from the trunk, instead of close to it, thereby insuring instead of close to it, thereby insuring decay besides making the tree look unsightly; or an old tree that might have been coaxed to live several years is pruned back so severely that it will shortly give up the ghost entirely.

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his were allowed to develop in the wrong

Pruning, however, is but one branch of tree culture that Mr. Parsons finds poorly understood by the managers of Boston Common. Decay in many of the trees has been covered up with sheets of tin or iron instead of being skilfully treated a process of careless treatment that not only does not help the tree, but also hides the disso actually helps on the disease itself.

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imbs that tend to split the tree apart have been managed in an equally ill-informed manner. In several cases the band that should have been loosened has been allowed to cut its way deep into the tree itself. "In other cases the unhealthy limbs have been removed all along the trunk of the tree.

removed all along the trunk of the tree, leaving a mere bare pole void of all symmetry and comeliness.

"But bad pruning," continues the report "is not the only misfortune that has fallen to the lot of these grand trees, for in view of their increasing failure in health the idea

should be set out to take their places in the course of time.

"This idea, though a good one if carried out properly, has been so developed in practice in many cases as to more or less in jure the older trees by allowing younger trees to absorb much of the moisture and notriment which should belong to them, although in their struggle for existence the younger trees have naturally suffered the most and already show in a larger number of instances stunted and unhealthy conditions. Young trees cannot be set hap-hazard as these are among old trees, but must have sunlight and air membarrassed by the shade of larger individuals. Moreover, among these small trees, especially among those which appear to have been planted recently, are large

the Commission, so far from being generally in tool benith, are generally in the heat of bouilth.

The then goes on to say that the atmosphere and curroundings of the Common

are not congenial to the growth of plants, though the soil must be good to have produced so many large and old trees.

"Now, in regard to the graveyard of Trinity Church in New York," he continues.

"I am reliably informed that Mr. Parsons gave it one mulching of soil and manure some five years ago, with the inevitable result of destruction of the grass and injury to the trees on it, that after he was turned out of office, a practical arboriculturist took charge of it and other public grounds, and that to-day it will not respond to his glowing eulogium on its regenerated condition.

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"But,' he continues, 'and here is where he hopes to strike me in the most vulnerable place, 'the pruning of the trees presents the most curious illustration of defective arboriculture. Here a great branch has evidently intended to stretch itself far out over the sidewalk, but, notwithstanding the evident fact that it would be impossible for it to interfere with passersby, it has been unnecessarily lopped off, to the great disfigurement of the tree.' I need only to say of this that no great branch has ever been lopped off unless there was good reason for so doing, such as interference

been lopped off unless there was good reason for so doing, such as interference with traffic or travel, or indications of breaking off and injuring some one. "He adds: 'It is a misfortune that these trees were not pruned properly during the earlier stages of their growth, before such large limbs were allowed to develop in the rong place and grow so old.' Now, this about the only statement in Mr. Parson's report that I fully agree with. When I tool: charge of the department I attempted to correct this development in the wrong place' on the trees, but was met with sucl a storm of protests from self-appointed protectors of the trees on the Common that I was fain to desist.

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"Let me say a word in conclusion. There are many honest and intelligent arboriculturists in New England and New York, any one or two of whom I would be willing have investigate the condition of the

trees on the Common.
"I would not want them to crawl around secretiy, but apprise me of their visit of inspection, and I would be glad to meet them and point out the unfavorable conditions of the trees there, which no one knows better than I.

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"I have, year after year, pointed out the defects in trees and explained their causes, which were beyond my power to prevent. I have, year after year, been subjected to criticism from men like Mr. Parsons, who thought they knew it all, but were really ignorant of the true facts in the case. To critics who were honest and reasonable, but who did not know the true facts, I have ever been ready to listen and to explain, and, I may add, my explanations were invariably satisfactory."

Members of the Boston Common Society, a corporation with a membership of about 300 men and women, say that Mr. Doogue has played into their hands by welcoming an investigation; so there promise to be some interesting times in Boston during the coming spring.

COX PAINTINGS SOLD. The Collection of 78 Pictures Brings a Total of \$69,120.

Seventy-eight paintings, which formed he collection of the late Henry T. Cox of Brooklyn, were sold by Thomas E. Kirby of the American Art Association at Mendelssohn Hall last evening for \$69,120. Many of the canvasses were the story pictures which find so many admirers among picture buyers, and these elicited a great deal of interest last night, and brought good prices. The admirable paintings of the llection found several bidders waiting

collection found several bidders waiting for each one of them, and they, too, were sent up to figures which cause the auction to be pronounced a successful one.

One of the Daubignys, which always command a large interest, fetched the top price of the sale, \$7,050. It was "On the Banks of the Marne," and was bought by George Foster Peabody. A revelation of the sale was the return of Mr. Peabody from political shepherds to kindlier pastorals.

Besides the restful Daubigny, he pur chased an exquisite Cazin, one of the artist's most reposeful and at the same time most eloquent moonlight rural landscapes, "Le Dernier Quartier," and this he followed by the purchase of a poetic landscape of Wyant's, in which a kindly haze partly screens a little cottage in a birch grove burly world. The pictures sold, with the names of the artists and purchasers, and the prices,

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THE RED BALL IS UP. Merry Throng Enjoys the Skating on the

Big Lake and Harlem Merc. Local skaters were in their glory yesterday for early in the forenoon the "red ball" was hoisted signifying that the ice in the big lake at the Central Park was open to the merry throng. There has been no skating on the Park lake since 1900. Early in the morning, by the orders of Commissioner Eustis, the depth of the ice was tested and being found to be six inches in thickness scoops and ice planes were set to work to clear the surface of the snow and other ir-regularities. A force of fifteen men worked rd shovelling away the snow and fine horse planes had the ice in pretty fair shape about o'clock Long before that hour the youngsters who had been anxiously watching the lake for the past week got wind of the red ball being up and began to troop to the banks and about 12 o'clock 2,000 youths of both sexes were twisting and curveting in every direction. Owing to repeated thaws the ice is not of the very best quality for fancy skating. On the surface there is about an inch and a half of a rough coat of brittle grey, but it was said yesterday that this would wear away gradually and after a would wear away gradually and after a couple of days the skaters would find a bed clean and firm as cut glass. Although the ice on the big lake is considered strong enough to hold the extremely large crowd that will make use of it the outlying tributaries are profusely marked with danger signals. The elbow between the Bow bridge and the terrace is yet closed and may not be opened unless an exceptionally strong frost continues for the next few days. This part of the lake is studded with springs, causing the ice to be thin in spots. Orders were issued yesterday to clear the ice at 6 o'clock and at that time when the bluecoats started to send the crowd home they had a hard task. The skaters wanted to stay on the ice, but the policemen said there were no lights.

It was reported at the Park Department that the lights would be put up to-day and that the skaters may be allowed to remain after dark.

Scattered among the throng who turned out yesterday were many experts. True to the time honored custom of being on hand at the opening day the veteran ex-champion, George D. Phillips, put in an appearance in the afternoon. After a tew preliminary evolutions the ex-champion delighted the crowd with a series of anvils, cross-cuts.

the opening day the veteran ex-champion. George D Phillips, put in an appearance in the afternoon. After a few preliminary evolutions the ex-champion delighted the crowd with a series of anvils, cross-cuts, flat-foot spins and wound up the exhibition by the well known figure. On to Berlin, of which he is the inventor. A crowd of critics were on the lookout for Dr. Arthur G. Keane, holder of the present figure skating championiship, but he did not come. Quite a furor was caused in the afternoon when about half a dozen boys armed with hockey sticks sent a puck flying over the ice. Immediately there was a rush for the puck and it appeared as if every skater present wanted to have a kick at the little disk. The boys with their sticks and puck were quickly put off the ice.

boys with their sticks and puck were quickly put off the ice. Harlem skaters who usually journey to Van Cortiandt and Crotona saved their carfare yesterday for there was good skating on the liarlem mere at 110th street and fifth avenue. The ice there was smooth and the big crowd had a rare day's spot According to the weather forecast the present cold snap is likely to hold until Monday. Children under 16 years of age will be permitted to skate on the pond near Flfty-ninth street to-day.

Billy Devine Outpoints Harry Berger.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.-Billy Devine tacked up against the hardest proposition in his career to-night at the Central Athletic Club in the person of Harry Berger who has stood off some best men in the country at his own weight. Devine made an excellent showing for more than a year and while he showe up in good form. Devine made the bette showing in the last three rounds of the fight showing in the last three rounds of the fight inning the first two rounds it was all Berger's. He landed left and right with consistent regularity. Devine changed his tactics in the third and by full left-hand jabs, followed invariably with a choice uppercut, he stopped Berger's effective body punches and forced him on the defensive. The last three rounds were all fast, but Devine by clever work had the better of the go as the final bell rang.

COOK On Thursday, Jan 16, 1902, Ellen Paimer Skillman, widow of Lewis D. Cook, in the 74th year of her age. Funeral services at her late residence, Bound

Brook, N. J., on Monday, Jan. 20, 1902, at 3 o'clock her residence, 60 St. Nicholas av. Julia. Bald win wife of Thomas C. Hoornbeek. Funerni services at her late residence on Fri-day, Jan 17, 1962, at 8 o'clock, and at the resi-

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BARGAIN—Lady going to Washington sacrifices beautiful upright plano, parior suits, furniture Residence, 548 Evergreen av., near Putnam, two blocks from Broadway, Brooklyn.

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Joe Tipman Fights a Draw With George

Dixon. BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—George Dixon to

right ran up against a snag in young Jo-Tipman of this city. Had the contest gon-a couple of rounds more Dixon would have probably been knocked out is it was, the men fought, twenty rounds to a draw. Tipman is comparatively a novice. For the first six rounds he seemed to be afraid of Dixon, but rounds he seemed to be afraid of Dixon, but after this he took courage. He allowed George to do most of the leading up to the last round. Tipman was the heavier of the two, and while Dixon landed more frequently than the youngster, yet one of Tipman's blows counted for three of the colored man's, as Dixon's blows lacked steam. Tipman played mostly for the wind with his right. In the twentieth round he went at Dixon hammer and tongs, landing right and left on jaw and stomach, and at the sound of the gong Dixon was elfnching to save himself.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

Mass Meeting of **Methodist Sunday Schools** CARNEGIE HALL

Sunday, January 26, 2:45 o'Clock in the interest of the

Twentieth Century Thank-Offering Movement Admission by ticket. Apply for reserved seat tickets to REV. E. S. TIPPLE, D.D., 150 Fifth Ave. church of the Messiah (Unitarian), 84th st., corner Park av.—Services II A. M. Dr. Savage will preach lifth in series of sermons to Young Men and Women. Subject: "What to Read and Wuy." Sunday school at 10 o'clock in chapel, entrance Park avenue. All cordially invited. EGLISE DU SAINT ESPRIT, 45 Est 27c Rue Services religieux e dimanche a 10 h. 15 du matte et a 8 h. du soir. Rev. A. Wittmeyer, Recteur.

REV. G. CAMPBELI, MORGAN will conduct a series of meetings in the Brick Presbyteriar Church, 5th av. and 37th st., for ten days (Saturda) and Sunday excepted), beginning Monday, Jan 20, each day at 4:30 and 8 P. M. Everybody wellowing. ST. JAMES CHURCH, MADISON AV. & 718T ST Rev. E. Walpole Warren, D. D. (Bector).
Holy Communion, 9 A. M.
Litany, Communion and Sermon (Senior Curate),
11 A. M. Evensong and Sermon (Junior Curate), 8 P. M.

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(Should be read DAILY by all interested, as changes may occur at any time.)
Foreign mails for the week ending Jan. 18, 1902 will close (PROMPTLY in all cases) at the General Post Office as follows: PARCELS POST MAILS close one hour earlier than closing time abown below:
Regular and Supplementary mails close at Foreign Branch half hour later than closing time abown below (except that Supplementary Mails for Europe and Central America, via Colon, close one hour later at Foreign Branch).

TRANSATLANTIC MAILS.

SATURDAY—At 8 A. M. for ITALY direct, per steamship Trave insall must be directed per steamship Trave", at 8:30 A. M. (supplementary 10 A. M. for EUROPE, per steamship Etruria, via Queenstown; at 11 A. M. of DENMARK direct, per steamship Hekla (mail must be directed per steamship Hekla).

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